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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL REVIEWING PROTECTED MIGRANT RESETTLEMENT

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Classified By: POL CHIEF TROY FITRELL, REASONS 1.4 (B,D)

(C) Interlocutors at Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs received the reftel points regarding the potential resettlement of protected migrants in Portugal and agreed to submit the proposal to the MFA's formal review process. Each of the interlocutors was pleased to hear that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) formally encouraged the program. International Organizations Deputy Office Director Ana Brito noted that the High Commissioner, Antonio Guterres, is a former Prime Minister of Portugal. She suggested that a communication from his office would greatly ease the Portuguese government's internal processes.

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